(b) the details of gas sanctioned and supplied during each year from 1992-93 to 1995-96 to Gujarat; and

(c) the reasons for not supplying full quantum of gas required by the industries of Gujarat and the concrete steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to supply as in full quantum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The allocations of gas during the Eighth Plan period and the supplies till 1995-96 are shown below:

(MMSCMD)

Year	*Allocation*	*Supply*
1992-93	12.78	12.43
1993-94	12.78	12.61
1994-95	13.99	11.99
1995-96	15.26	14.22
1996-97	15.68	—

(c) Shortfalls in supply were mainly due to less production of gas in the Western Offshore fields. The supply of gas is being stepped up by additional development of gas fields alongwith setting up of the required compression and transportation facilities.

[English]

Megacity Project

5281. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Megacity Projects of Calcutta are progressing satisfactorily;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the implementation;

(d) if so, steps taken to remove the shortfall; and

(e) whether the Government propose to provide more fainancial assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main shortfalls in the implementation of the Mega City Scheme are with respect to mobilisation of institutional finance and adoption of cost recovery measures with a view to consituting a Revolving Fund for infrastructure development.

(d) The nodal agency for the Calcutta Mega City Scheme, viz. Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has been successful in issuing non-SLR Bonds to mobilise funds from the market — Rs. 49.50 crores during 1995-96. They are also adopting direct and indirect cost recovery measures to raise sufficient contributions towards the Revolving Fund.

(e) During 1995-96 a sum of Rs. 18.08 crores was allocated for the implementation of the Calcutta Mega City Project. During 1996-97 an equivalent provision is expected to be made available.

Tata Research Institute

5282. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have examined the study report made by Tata Research Institute and the Canadian Research Institute regarding energy efficiency and demand management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for implementation of the said suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The Study Report made by the Tata Energy Research Institute and the Canadian Energy Research Institute estimated that the Power Sector in India could save up to 6.29% and 8.24% of the electricity demand in 1996-97 and 2011-12 respectively by adopting Energy Efficiency and Demand Management measures. The strategies recommended in the report for this purpose include administrative, managerial, statutory, fiscal, financial and policy measures.

(c) The strategy adopted by the Government for promotion of energy efficiency and demand Management already covers many of the suggestions made in the report and the measures taken include awareness programmes, demonstration projects, training, energy audits, fiscal incentives, installation of amorphous core distribution transformers, LT Switched Capacitors, efficient energy meters, load management, rectification of agricultural pumpsets, reduction of secondary fuel oil consumption in thermal power stations and reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

West Refinery Project

5283. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oman is reconsidering its participation in six million tonne West Coast Refinery with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Oman Oil Company (OOC) after internal assessment, have decided to review their interest in Hindustan Oman Refinery Project in view of their various commitments.

IDSMT Scheme

5284. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the fund allocation made to Orissa during Eighth Plan for the development of small and medium towns in the State; and

(b) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The fund allocation made to Orissa during the Eighth Plan for small and medium towns are as given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

NAME OF TOWN	APPROVED PROJECT COST	CENTRAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED				
		92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	TOTAL
Jajpur	167.00	20.00	—	—	—	20.00
Basudevpur	200.00	25.00	—	—	—	25.00
Athagarh	100.00	10.00	—	—	—	10.00
Jarsuguda	500.00	35.00	—	—	—	35.00
Digpahandi	97.39	—	12.00	—	—	12.00
Bhanjanagar	60.00	—	—	7.00	—	7.00
Titilagarh	200.00	—	—	24.00	—	24.00
Underkote	105.53	—	—	12.00	—	12.00
Chodwar	134.72	—	—	16.00	—	16.00
Tarabha	134.72	—	—	12.00	—	12.00
Chatrapur	83.89	—	—	15.00	—	15.00
Paralakhamundi	200.00	—	—	36.00	—	36.00
Kamakshyanagar	100.00	—	—	9.00	—	9.00
Nowrangpur	200.01	—	—	15.00	—	15.00
Berhampur	501.95	—	—	—	52.00	52.00
Konark	111.01	—	—	—	16.00	16.00
Puri	438.00	—	—	—	16.00	16.00
Total	3314.62	90.00	12.00	146.00	84.00	332.00

Dearness Allowance

5285. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of All India Consumers Price Index, Dearness Allowances to the serving employees, pensioners and family pensioners was sanctioned @97% of basic pay/basic pension w.e.f. July 1, 1993;

(b) whether the Government have issued orders for treating 97 percent of the Dearness Allowance as pay for computing gratuity to retiring employees and not for pension and commutation of pension from a subsequent date i.e. April 1, 1995;

(c) whether the Government have received any request for treating 97 percent Dearness Allowances as pay w.e.f. July 1, 1993 for all retirement benefits, i.e. gratuity, pension, commutation of pension and family pension; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon alongwith the reasons therefor ?

for 1997-98 has not been fixed so far.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Government of India vide its order dated 27.9.93 sanctioned Dearness Allowance to its serving employees w.e.f. 1.7.1993 as under :—

Basic pay upto Rs. 3500/- p.m.	97% of pay.
Basic pay above Rs. 3500/- p.m. and upto Rs. 6000/- p.m.	73% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 3395/- p.m.
Basic pay above Rs. 6000/-	63% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 4380/- p.m.

Similarly, dearness relief to the Central Govt. Pensioners/ Family Pensioners was sanctioned at the rates mentioned below :—

Not exceeding Rs. 1750/- p.m.	97% of Pension/ Family Pension.
Exceeding Rs. 1750/- but not exceeding Rs. 3000/- p.m.	73% of Pension/ Family Pension subject to a minimum of Rs. 1698/-.
Exceeding Rs. 3000/- p.m.	63% of Pension/Family Pension subject to a minimum of Rs. 2190/-.

(b) On the basis of the recommendations made by the Fifth Central Pay Commission in its Interim Report, orders were issued that dearness alloance linked to AICPI 1201.66 be treated as Dearness Pay as indicated below:

Basic pay upto Rs. 3500/- p.m.	97% of pay.
Basic pay above p.m. and upto Rs. 6000/- p.m.	Rs. 3500/- 73% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 3395/-.
Basic pay above Rs. 6000/- p.m.	63% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 4380/-.

for reckoning emoluments for the purpose of retirement gratuity/death gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 in the case of Central Government employees who retire on or after 1.4.1995.

(c) and (d) : Representations have been received by the Government for amendment of the date of effect of the order dated 1.4.1995. The date of effect of orders has been decided on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The Government do not propose to review these orders.

HUDCO Projects

5286. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation has so far cleared 11800 projects involving Rs. 11500 crores;